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Transmitted herewith for filing is the non-provisional utility patent application entitled:

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which is:

- an [] Original; or
a [X] Continuation, [] Divisional, or [] Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior Application No. 09/509,231 filed June 8, 2000.

Anticipated Group/Art Unit: 2813.

Enclosed are:

- [X] Application Data Sheet.
- [X] Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 221 pages.
- [X] 64 sheets of drawings (formal).
- [X] Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- [X] An assignment of the invention was recorded on June 8, 2000 at Reel 010926, Frame 0917 in prior application No. 09/509,231 filed June 8, 2000.
- [X] Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
 - [X] Certified copies of Japanese Application Nos.
Hei 9-260101 filed September 25, 1997;
Hei 9-344160 filed November 27, 1997; and
Hei 10-267250 filed September 3, 1998
are filed in prior application 09/509,231 filed June 8, 2000.
- [] Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as [] an Independent Inventor, or [] a Small Business Concern, or [] a Non-Profit Organization.
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A (2 sheets), and copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature.

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